Twitter has been a fun, innovative way for me to consult and interact with my peers. I have always used twitter, but mostly to just look at different articles about things such as entertainment, world news, and politics. However, when I began this class my readings changed. I began to look at things that were not only relevant to my teaching, but provided better insight about my content area as well. My classmates tweeted out about many different educational organizations, professional developments opportunities, and scholarly journals that have helped me connect more to both my teaching field and career as a whole. One of my twitter friends, @RachieMcGee, was very helpful when tweeting about science-based information and websites. This is beneficial to me because my school is an academy school and I am in the STEM academy. My lessons have to be tailored not only to ELA, but they must include STEM material as well. With these websites, I am able to take away ideas that will help me created STEM and ELA appropriate lessons for my students. Another twitter friend, @MNearor, has been helpful as well. Because she is a Language Arts teacher, I have been able to look at websites from her twitter page that I was previously not familiar with that are ELA appropriate. With these extra set of eyes, I am able to look at programs tailored to my content area that provide fun and insightful things to help me become better at my profession.

My personal professional development plan has changed for the better. Instead of just looking at my own content area articles, websites, etc., I am expanding my view to other teaching fields. I am inspired to look at many different articles, webinars, and even attend professional development opportunities for different content areas to help improve my teaching by making it relevant through cross curriculum activities. Being somewhat knowledgeable in all content areas can help not only improve my focus, but my student’s focus as well by incorporating these skills and strategies used by others into my lessons.